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## THE LABOUR FORCE - VICTORIA MAY 1980

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### MAIN FEATURES

There was little change in total unemployment during May 1980 with an estimated 104,200 unemployed persons, or 5.8 per cent of the labour force, compared with the April 1980 estimate of 104,500 (5.9 per cent) unemployed persons. However, the May 1980 estimate represents a significant increase on the May 1979 estimate of 90,900 (5.2 per cent) unemployed persons.

Unemployment decreased among females from an estimated 58,400 in April 1980 to an estimated 51,900 in May 1980. The majority of the decrease was among married women where there was also a decrease in the estimate of the numbers in the labour force for that group.

Of the total unemployed an estimated 80,800 persons were seeking full-time work and an estimated 23,400 were seeking part-time work.

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Introduction

This monthly publication, first published for August 1978, contains Victorian labour force estimates derived from the population survey conducted throughout Australia each month by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Before February 1978 the survey was conducted on a quarterly basis in the months of February, May, August, and November each year.

#### Conduct of ABS population survey

2. The survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 6,500 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.) and covers about one half of one per cent of the Victorian population. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers. The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks

beginning on the Monday between the 6th and the 12th of each month. Because of operational problems arising from the Christmas and New Year holidays the December surveys commence a week earlier than usual (with most interviews being conducted during the second week) and the January surveys commence a week later than usual. The information obtained relates to the week prior to the interview (i.e., the survey week).

#### Scope of survey

3. All persons aged fifteen years and over are included in the survey except the following: members of the permanent defence forces; certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations; overseas visitors holidaying in Australia; and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

#### Definitions

4. The labour force category to which a person is assigned depends on his actual activity (i.e., whether working, looking for work, etc.) during the survey week. The definitions conform closely to the international standard definitions recommended by the International Labour Organisation.

Employed persons comprise all those aged 15 years and over who, during the survey week:

- (a) worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission, or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (including employees, employers, and self-employed persons); or
- (b) worked for fifteen hours or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e., unpaid family helper); or
- (c) were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to



the end of the survey week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks, up to the end of the survey week; on strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or

- (d) were employers or self-employed persons who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

Unemployed persons are those aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the survey week, and:

- (a) had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week and:
- (i) were available for work in the survey week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e., lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the survey week); or
  - (ii) were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the survey week and would have started in the survey week if the job had been available then; or
- (b) were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week (including the whole of the survey week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

The labour force comprises all persons who, during the survey week, were employed or unemployed, as defined above.

Full-time workers are those who usually work 35 hours a week or more and others who, although usually part-time workers, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week. Part-time workers are those who usually work less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the survey week. When recording hours of work, fractions of an hour are disregarded.

Persons not in the labour force are those who, during the survey week, were not in the categories "employed" or "unemployed".

Average (mean) duration of unemployment is the duration obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been unemployed by the number of persons in that group.

Median duration is the duration which divides unemployed persons into two equal groups, one comprising persons whose duration of unemployment is above the median and the other persons whose duration is below it.

## Reliability of estimates

5. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they, and the movements derived from them, are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included in the survey. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Standard errors of survey estimates and month to month movements are shown at the foot of page 8.

## Related publications

6. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request:

6201.0	<u>Unemployment, Australia (preliminary estimates)</u> (monthly)
6202.0	<u>The labour force, Australia (preliminary)</u> (monthly)
6203.0	<u>The labour force, Australia</u> (monthly)
6204.0	<u>The labour force, Australia, 1978</u> (annual)
6213.0	<u>Civilian employees, Australia</u> (monthly)
6231.0	<u>Job vacancies, Australia</u> (quarterly)
6232.0	<u>Information paper: questionnaires used in the labour force survey</u> (irregular)
6330.0	<u>Overtime, Australia</u> (monthly)

7. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS Office.

## Symbols and other usages

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\* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes

Figures have been rounded, and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. VICTORIA - CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Month	Employed ( '000)	Unemployed ( '000)	Labour force ( '000)	Not in labour force ( '000)	Civilian population	Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)	Participation rate (b) (per cent)
					aged 15 years and over ( '000)		
MALES							
1979 - April	1,049.4	47.6	1,097.0	298.6	1,395.6	4.3	78.6
May	1,050.5	46.6	1,097.0	299.8	1,396.8	4.2	78.5
June	1,050.5	46.3	1,096.9	300.6	1,397.5	4.2	78.5
July	1,048.7	45.0	1,093.7	305.5	1,399.1	4.1	78.2
August	1,044.0	49.5	1,093.4	307.2	1,400.6	4.5	78.1
September	1,058.6	51.1	1,109.7	294.2	1,403.9	4.6	79.0
October	1,055.7	49.5	1,105.2	300.4	1,405.6	4.5	78.6
November	1,058.4	45.3	1,103.7	304.1	1,407.7	4.1	78.4
December	1,080.1	52.6	1,132.6	276.9	1,409.6	4.6	80.4
1980 - January	1,064.7	55.2	1,119.9	291.5	1,411.4	4.9	79.3
February	1,065.0	52.7	1,117.6	295.8	1,413.4	4.7	79.1
March	1,057.4	51.8	1,109.2	305.8	1,414.9	4.7	78.4
April	1,057.7	46.1	1,103.8	312.9	1,416.7	4.2	77.9
May	1,065.4	52.3	1,117.7	300.2	1,417.9	4.7	78.8
MARRIED FEMALES							
1979 - April	383.1	25.3	408.4	514.4	922.8	6.2	44.3
May	382.5	17.5	400.0	524.0	923.9	4.4	43.3
June	379.0	19.3	398.3	525.0	923.3	4.8	43.1
July	379.6	20.7	400.3	524.1	924.3	5.2	43.3
August	380.0	20.7	400.7	517.6	918.3	5.2	43.6
September	385.3	28.2	413.5	509.5	923.0	6.8	44.8
October	386.8	26.0	412.8	510.0	922.7	6.3	44.7
November	394.3	24.3	418.6	508.1	926.7	5.8	45.2
December	388.0	19.1	407.1	517.5	924.6	4.7	44.0
1980 - January	373.9	15.3	389.2	541.1	930.2	3.9	41.8
February	391.9	22.8	414.7	508.6	923.3	5.5	44.9
March	398.8	22.9	421.7	499.0	920.7	5.4	45.8
April	389.1	24.4	413.5	509.9	923.3	5.9	44.8
May	388.4	19.8	408.2	515.4	923.6	4.9	44.2
OTHER FEMALES (c)							
1979 - April	223.7	27.3	251.0	269.8	520.8	10.9	48.2
May	219.9	26.9	246.8	274.5	521.2	10.9	47.3
June	217.2	29.1	246.3	276.2	522.5	11.8	47.1
July	216.0	26.3	242.3	280.8	523.2	10.9	46.3
August	215.0	25.1	240.2	290.7	530.9	10.5	45.2
September	216.2	29.7	245.9	282.6	528.5	12.1	46.5
October	217.4	28.4	245.8	285.1	530.9	11.5	46.3
November	224.3	26.0	250.3	278.8	529.1	10.4	47.3
December	229.5	32.2	261.7	271.7	533.5	12.3	49.1
1980 - January	222.0	35.1	257.1	272.7	529.8	13.7	48.5
February	229.3	33.6	262.9	275.8	538.7	12.8	48.8
March	229.2	30.5	259.7	283.5	543.2	11.7	47.8
April	227.6	34.0	261.6	280.9	542.5	13.0	48.2
May	234.9	32.1	266.9	276.6	543.5	12.0	49.1



TABLE 1. VICTORIA - CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS - continued

Month	Employed ( <sup>'000</sup> )	Unemployed ( <sup>'000</sup> )	Labour force ( <sup>'000</sup> )	Not in labour force ( <sup>'000</sup> )	Civilian population aged 15 years and over ( <sup>'000</sup> )	Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)	Participation rate (b) (per cent)
ALL FEMALES							
1979 - April	606.8	52.7	659.4	784.2	1,443.7	8.0	45.7
May	602.4	44.4	646.7	798.4	1,445.1	6.9	44.8
June	596.2	48.4	644.6	801.2	1,445.8	7.5	44.6
July	595.5	47.0	642.6	804.9	1,447.5	7.3	44.4
August	595.0	45.9	640.9	808.2	1,449.2	7.2	44.2
September	601.5	57.9	659.4	792.1	1,451.5	8.8	45.4
October	604.3	54.3	658.6	795.0	1,453.6	8.2	45.3
November	618.6	50.3	668.9	786.9	1,455.8	7.5	45.9
December	617.5	51.3	668.8	789.3	1,458.1	7.7	45.9
1980 - January	595.9	50.4	646.3	813.8	1,460.1	7.8	44.3
February	621.3	56.3	677.6	784.4	1,462.0	8.3	46.3
March	628.0	53.4	681.4	782.4	1,463.8	7.8	46.6
April	616.7	58.4	675.0	790.7	1,465.8	8.6	46.1
May	623.3	51.9	675.2	792.0	1,467.2	7.7	46.0
PERSONS							
1979 - April	1,656.2	100.2	1,756.4	1,082.8	2,839.2	5.7	61.9
May	1,652.8	90.9	1,743.8	1,098.2	2,841.9	5.2	61.4
June	1,646.7	94.7	1,741.5	1,101.8	2,843.2	5.4	61.2
July	1,644.2	92.0	1,736.3	1,110.4	2,846.6	5.3	61.0
August	1,639.0	95.3	1,734.4	1,115.4	2,849.8	5.5	60.9
September	1,660.1	109.0	1,769.1	1,086.2	2,855.3	6.2	62.0
October	1,660.0	103.8	1,763.8	1,095.4	2,859.2	5.9	61.7
November	1,677.0	95.6	1,772.6	1,090.9	2,863.5	5.4	61.9
December	1,697.6	103.9	1,801.4	1,066.2	2,867.6	5.8	62.8
1980 - January	1,660.6	105.6	1,766.3	1,105.3	2,871.5	6.0	61.5
February	1,686.2	109.0	1,795.2	1,080.2	2,875.4	6.1	62.4
March	1,685.4	105.2	1,790.6	1,088.2	2,878.8	5.9	62.2
April	1,674.4	104.5	1,778.8	1,103.6	2,882.5	5.9	61.7
May	1,688.6	104.2	1,792.8	1,092.2	2,885.0	5.8	62.1

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group. (c) Never married, widowed, and divorced.

TABLE 2. VICTORIA - CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND MARITAL STATUS, MAY 1980

Marital status	Employed ( <sup>1</sup> 000)	Unemployed ( <sup>1</sup> 000)	Labour force ( <sup>1</sup> 000)	Not in labour force ( <sup>1</sup> 000)	Civilian population aged 15 years and over ( <sup>1</sup> 000)	Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)	Participation rate (b) (per cent)
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION							
Males -							
Married	538.4	10.3	548.7	110.3	659.0	1.9	83.3
Other (c)	231.5	27.2	258.7	95.1	353.8	10.5	73.1
Total	769.8	37.6	807.4	205.4	1,012.8	4.7	79.7
Females -							
Married	286.9	15.5	302.4	355.2	657.5	5.1	46.0
Other (c)	177.3	23.7	201.0	203.5	404.5	11.8	49.7
Total	464.2	39.2	503.4	558.6	1,062.0	7.8	47.4
Persons -							
Married	825.2	25.8	851.1	465.4	1,316.5	3.0	64.6
Other (c)	408.8	50.9	459.7	298.6	758.3	11.1	60.6
Total	1,234.0	76.8	1,310.8	764.0	2,074.8	5.9	63.2
REST OF VICTORIA							
Males -							
Married	211.6	6.3	217.9	55.4	273.3	2.9	79.7
Other (c)	84.0	8.4	92.4	39.4	131.8	9.1	70.1
Total	295.6	14.7	310.3	94.8	405.1	4.7	76.6
Females -							
Married	101.5	*	105.8	160.3	266.1	*	39.8
Other (c)	57.5	8.4	65.9	73.1	139.0	12.7	47.4
Total	159.1	12.7	171.7	233.4	405.1	7.4	42.4
Persons -							
Married	313.1	10.6	323.7	215.6	539.4	3.3	60.0
Other (c)	141.5	16.7	158.3	112.6	270.9	10.6	58.4
Total	454.6	27.4	482.0	328.2	810.2	5.7	59.5
TOTAL VICTORIA							
Males -							
Married	749.9	16.7	766.6	165.6	932.2	2.2	82.2
Other (c)	315.5	35.6	351.1	134.6	485.6	10.1	72.3
Total	1,065.4	52.3	1,117.7	300.2	1,417.9	4.7	78.8
Females -							
Married	388.4	19.8	408.2	515.4	923.6	4.9	44.2
Other (c)	234.9	32.1	266.9	276.6	543.5	12.0	49.1
Total	623.3	51.9	675.2	792.0	1,467.2	7.7	46.0
Persons -							
Married	1,138.3	36.5	1,174.8	681.1	1,855.9	3.1	63.3
Other (c)	550.3	67.7	618.0	411.2	1,029.2	11.0	60.0
Total	1,688.6	104.2	1,792.8	1,092.2	2,885.0	5.8	62.1

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group. (c) Never married, widowed, and divorced.



TABLE 3. VICTORIA - CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE BY AGE, MAY 1980

Age group (years)	Number ('000)					Participation rate (per cent) (b)				
	Males	Married females	Other females (a)	All females	Persons	Males	Married females	Other females (a)	All females	Persons
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION										
15 - 19	77.7	*	67.0	70.2	147.9	63.6	*	58.8	59.1	61.4
20 - 24	108.6	33.3	60.6	93.9	202.4	88.2	65.7	85.0	77.0	82.6
25 - 34	214.4	92.8	35.3	128.1	342.5	95.4	49.1	83.1	55.3	75.1
35 - 44	166.1	88.7	13.2	102.0	268.1	96.8	60.2	66.3	60.9	79.1
45 - 54	140.6	59.8	14.2	74.0	214.6	93.0	50.2	54.6	51.0	72.4
55 - 59	59.3	16.0	5.1	21.0	80.4	86.3	29.5	33.8	30.4	58.3
60 - 64	30.0	6.5	*	9.0	39.0	59.0	17.9	*	16.2	36.6
65 and over	10.6	*	*	5.2	15.8	10.5	*	*	3.4	6.3
Total	807.4	302.4	201.0	503.4	1,310.8	79.7	46.0	49.7	47.4	63.2
REST OF VICTORIA										
15 - 19	32.6	*	31.2	32.0	64.7	62.1	*	64.6	65.2	63.6
20 - 24	41.0	10.7	18.5	29.2	70.3	91.7	51.8	87.5	69.8	81.1
25 - 34	77.5	32.1	6.0	38.0	115.6	95.8	44.0	84.3	47.6	71.8
35 - 44	61.4	28.9	*	33.2	94.6	94.9	52.0	*	53.8	74.8
45 - 54	54.3	23.8	*	26.7	81.0	91.9	47.4	*	47.4	70.2
55 - 59	22.5	7.3	*	8.7	31.2	79.3	30.8	*	30.3	54.7
60 - 64	13.4	*	*	*	15.2	57.9	*	*	*	32.7
65 and over	7.5	*	*	*	9.4	14.5	*	*	*	8.2
Total	310.3	105.8	65.9	171.7	482.0	76.6	39.8	47.4	42.4	59.5
TOTAL VICTORIA										
15 - 19	110.4	*	98.2	102.2	212.6	63.2	*	60.5	60.9	62.1
20 - 24	149.6	44.0	79.1	123.1	272.7	89.1	61.7	85.6	75.2	82.2
25 - 34	291.9	124.9	41.3	166.1	458.1	95.5	47.7	83.3	53.3	74.2
35 - 44	227.5	117.7	17.5	135.2	362.7	96.3	58.0	67.0	59.0	77.9
45 - 54	194.9	83.6	17.1	100.7	295.6	92.7	49.4	53.2	50.0	71.8
55 - 59	81.9	23.2	6.5	29.7	111.6	84.2	29.9	32.4	30.4	57.2
60 - 64	43.3	7.7	*	10.9	54.3	58.6	14.3	*	13.8	35.4
65 and over	18.1	*	*	7.2	25.3	11.9	*	*	3.3	6.9
Total	1,117.7	408.2	266.9	675.2	1,792.8	78.8	44.2	49.1	46.0	62.1

(a) Never married, widowed, and divorced. (b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.



TABLE 4. VICTORIA - EMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE AND MARITAL STATUS, MAY 1980  
('000)

Marital status	Age group (years)								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION									
Males -									
Married	*	25.2	159.3	145.5	122.5	52.0	25.3	8.6	538.4
Other (a)	65.6	74.8	47.5	15.9	16.0	6.0	*	*	231.5
Total	65.6	100.0	206.8	161.4	138.5	58.0	28.9	10.6	769.8
Females -									
Married	*	31.0	86.6	85.0	57.2	15.7	6.5	*	286.9
Other (a)	53.7	55.4	32.4	11.9	14.0	*	*	*	177.3
Total	56.4	86.3	118.9	97.0	71.2	20.1	9.0	5.2	464.2
Persons -									
Married	*	56.2	245.8	230.5	179.7	67.7	31.8	10.7	825.2
Other (a)	119.3	130.2	79.9	27.8	30.0	10.4	6.1	5.1	408.8
Total	122.0	186.3	325.7	258.3	209.7	78.2	37.9	15.8	1,234.0
REST OF VICTORIA									
Males -									
Married	*	8.2	60.0	58.0	48.2	19.9	12.2	5.0	211.6
Other (a)	28.3	29.1	13.5	*	4.8	*	*	*	84.0
Total	28.3	37.3	73.5	61.4	53.0	21.8	13.0	7.3	295.6
Females -									
Married	*	9.7	31.0	27.9	23.0	7.1	*	*	101.5
Other (a)	25.5	16.7	5.3	*	*	*	*	*	57.5
Total	26.2	26.3	36.3	32.2	25.6	8.5	*	*	159.1
Persons -									
Married	*	17.9	91.0	85.9	71.2	27.0	13.3	6.0	313.1
Other (a)	53.8	45.7	18.8	7.7	7.4	*	*	*	141.5
Total	54.5	63.7	109.8	93.6	78.7	30.3	14.8	9.2	454.6
TOTAL VICTORIA									
Males -									
Married	*	33.4	219.3	203.4	170.7	72.0	37.5	13.6	749.9
Other (a)	93.9	103.9	61.1	19.3	20.8	7.9	*	*	315.5
Total	93.9	137.3	280.4	222.7	191.6	79.9	41.8	17.8	1,065.4
Females -									
Married	*	40.6	117.6	113.0	80.2	22.8	7.7	*	388.4
Other (a)	79.2	72.0	37.7	16.2	16.6	5.8	*	*	234.9
Total	82.6	112.7	155.2	129.2	96.8	28.6	10.9	7.2	623.3
Persons -									
Married	*	74.1	336.9	316.4	251.0	94.8	45.1	16.7	1,138.3
Other (a)	173.1	175.9	98.7	35.5	37.4	13.7	7.6	8.3	550.3
Total	176.5	250.0	435.6	351.9	288.4	108.5	52.7	25.0	1,688.6

(a) Never married, widowed, and divorced.



TABLE 5. VICTORIA - ASPECTS OF UNEMPLOYMENT, MAY 1980

Particulars	Number ('000)			Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Total unemployed	52.3	51.9	104.2	4.7	7.7	5.8
Regional distribution -						
Melbourne Statistical Division	37.6	39.2	76.8	4.7	7.8	5.9
Rest of Victoria	14.7	12.7	27.4	4.7	7.4	5.7
Looking for -						
Full-time work	45.7	35.0	80.8	4.3	7.6	5.3
Part-time work	6.5	16.9	23.4	11.4	7.9	8.6
Marital status -						
Married	16.7	19.8	36.5	2.2	4.9	3.1
Not married (b) -	35.6	32.1	67.7	10.1	12.0	11.0
Aged 15-19 years	16.2	19.0	35.2	14.7	19.3	16.9
Aged 20-24 years	11.1	7.1	18.2	9.7	8.9	9.4
Aged 25 years and over	8.2	6.1	14.3	6.5	6.7	6.6
Age distribution (years) -						
15 - 19	16.5	19.6	36.1	14.9	19.2	17.0
20 - 24	12.3	10.4	22.8	8.2	8.5	8.3
25 and over -	23.4	21.9	45.3	2.7	4.9	3.5
25 - 34	11.6	10.9	22.5	4.0	6.6	4.9
35 - 44	4.8	6.0	10.8	2.1	4.4	3.0
45 and over	7.1	5.0	12.0	2.1	3.3	2.5
Birthplace -						
Born in Australia	37.0	35.3	72.3	4.9	7.3	5.8
Born outside Australia -	15.3	16.6	31.9	4.3	8.8	5.8
Main English-speaking countries (c)	*	*	8.3	*	*	4.9
Other than main English-speaking countries	11.2	12.4	23.6	4.5	9.7	6.3
Arrived before 1971	11.2	9.0	20.3	3.9	6.5	4.8
Arrived from 1971 to 1980	*	7.6	11.6	*	15.1	9.5
Duration of unemployment (weeks) -						
Under 2	5.0	*	8.8	..	..	..
2 and under 4	6.4	5.0	11.4	..	..	..
4 and under 8	9.4	9.7	19.1	..	..	..
8 and under 13	*	7.4	11.6	..	..	..
13 and under 26	10.4	11.9	22.3	..	..	..
26 and under 52	7.8	5.9	13.8	..	..	..
26 and over	16.8	14.1	30.9	..	..	..
52 and over	9.0	8.2	17.2	..	..	..

## DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT (weeks)

Average (mean) duration	31.7	26.1	28.9	..	..	..
Median duration	14.4	13.0	13.7	..	..	..

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.  
 (b) Never married, widowed, and divorced. (c) Comprises United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, New Zealand, U.S.A., and South Africa.

## VICTORIA - STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

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Size of estimate	4.5	5.0	6.0	10.0	20.0	50.0	100.0	200.0	300.0	500.0	1,000.0	2,000.0
Standard error	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.9	2.7	3.5	4.4	5.0	5.8	7.0	8.4

## VICTORIA - STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES OF MONTH TO MONTH MOVEMENTS

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Size of larger estimate	4.5	5.0	6.0	10.0	20.0	50.0	100.0	200.0	300.0	500.0	1,000.0	2,000.0
Standard error	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.7	2.3	2.8	3.3	3.7	4.2	4.9	5.6